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ADVESTIBERSET:

THE CORNERSTONE LAID ON TUESDAY.

And South Carolina Exposition is Under Way.

with appropriate ceremonies.

The exercises were of an interesting and elaborate character and were attended by several thousand pople The grounds had been cleared, a creation stand and a triumphal arch beautifully decorated. The weather was clear, bright and cool and was most asspleious for the success of the great caterprise which Charleston has and arch of the success of the great caterprise which Charleston (4) Do not use old blanks, but those prepared under act of 1900. They will be

The parade of the troops was a lestere of the days's exercises The 1900." infantry, neval recerves and the Ger-mes Artillery and two military bands Heavy Schechte. The militia passed first time is review of the distinguished gueste (6) The into the exposi- been observed tion grounds and the exercises were

ont P. W Wagener, the architect, Bradley Gilbort and his special party, and directors of the exposition, includ mbers of the League of American | not exceed \$150 Masicipalizies and many other promi

President Wagener called the assum lage to order and make a brief address \$150 on the place and purposes of the exposi tion and introduced Mayor Smyth, who presided. The mayor spoke briefly io ating the gavel. Gov McSweeney next spoke. He was followed by Mr. by the First Artillery ban!.

The Masonic ceramonics followed the addresses. The coremonics were of an interesting and impressive character The Grand Lodge appeared in the a number of articles were deposited in duce this amount gross Property Shoppard then applied the plumb, or his wife's name debars him. Where equare and level to the stone, and after soldiers or widows dispose of their propit had been properly placed, he pro erty by giving or selling to their chilnouseed it to be "well formed, true and | dren they are debarred. trusty " The ceremony of sprinkling the stone with corn, wine and oil whose are not entitled any longer to pensions. significance is plenty was then perform

The grand master then struck the bosediction concluded the exercises

The trowel which was used by Grand Master Sheppard is the same which was lowing : used at the laying of the cornerstone of Geo DeKalbs monument at Camden, fairly, giving the State board full in S. C . by Marquis de Lafayette.

was run to Summerville and the distioguished guests were sutertained with e dipper at the Pine Forest Ion

The stores closed shortly after noon and busingss was generally suspended, giving the city the appearance of a the county pension board.

PHOSPHATE ROYALTY.

It has before been mentioned that the phosphate royalty would likely be very much less this year than last

The State Pensioners.

THE RULES TO BE FOL-LOWED UNDER THE NEW ACT.

The State, December 12th. This year there are a number of changes in the pension department of the State government which should receive the careful attention of all membere of county boards and applicants se well In the first place each pensioner has to make an entirely new application. In order that the pension ere or those intending to get on the list may fully understand the requirements the State board has prepared and issued the following "rules for the guidance of county boards of pensions, as authorixed by the set approved Feb 19, 1900," which are given for the information of the vaterans:

(1) The county pension boards will meet as required by law in January at the county seats, for the purpose of Special to The State.

Charleston, Dec. 11 — The corner ex Confederate soldiers and sailors and widows who are applicants for pensions Carolina Interestate and West Indian Said applications must have the exposition, was laid this afternoon approval of the county board before the approval of the county board before the State board will approve.

(2) The attention of the county pension boards is directed to the certificate of the two witnesses, which

prepared under act of 1900. They will be designated by "Application, under aut

(5) It will be necessary for every old pensioner to make new application exactly as if they were applying for the

(6) The county boards are cautioned in the carriages, which fell into line to provide the applicants with blanks besind the troops. The parade mov suitable to his or her individual case.

ed off from the Fourth Brigade plaza The State board will not consider at 8 o'clock, and in less than an hour applications where this rule has not

(7) Class A .- Those who as a result of wounds received in the war are On the stand were W. A Hemphill, physically helpless, or who while in of Atlants, representing Gov Candler ; such sevice tost both arms, or both Gov MeSweeney, Mayor Smyth, Grand legs or eight; or who are disabled by Master Orlando Sheppard, of the Grand paralysis and are unable to make a sodge & F. M., a number of officers of living, and whose income does not the Greed Lodge, Gen Floyd, Presi- exceed \$150. This does not include soldiers whose disabilities arise from

diseases and causes since the war. Class B .- Those who have lost one ing Cul Wille Jones; a number of arm or one leg and whose income does

Class C. No 1 -Those soldiers and sailors disabled by wounds during the wir, whose income does not exceed

Ciase C No 2 -Those who have reached the age of 60 years and whose

igeome does not exceed \$75 Class C. No 3 .- Widows of those who lost their lives while in the service W A Hemphill and others. The of the State or the confederate States, specches were interspersed with music and whose income does no exceed

Ciase C No 4 - Widows above the age of 60 years whose income does not expeed \$100

County Boards cannot be two careful ineignia of the order wearing white in these matters of 'income" and "phypleves and aproos "When Earth's sical condition" He is a very poor man Foundation Was First Laid" was sung whose gross income from labor, rent by 50 salest voices A prayer was and other sources does not exceed \$75. offered by the grand chaplain and then or poor lands, if any that will not prothe corneratons box. Grand Master sufficient to produce \$75 in applicant's

Widows of pensioners who remarry Parsioners who have moved to another state are no longer entitled to pension Those who have moved to stone three times with his hiram and another county must have their names snother selection by the choir and transferred and draw their pensions from that county

Please note very carefully the foi-

Let county boards act promptly and formation with complete reports by After the exercises a special train townships for each county and writing the names alphabetically, full and clear, and beginning with class A, and giving their reasons for approving. In making reports to the State board the reports should be signed by each member of

J P Derham, Comptroller General, Chairman. W. D. Startling. W. E. James, W H Hardin.

Robbed the Grave. A startling neident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken. tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite-gradually ed with commends in the field. The growing weaker day by day. Three physic supplementary war loan and appro the Fifth cavalry had a fight with 100 expect a heavy casualty list, but they advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my second reading great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a

OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

Liberals Paint a Gloomy Picture of Conditions.

Landon Dec 12 -The house of com mons, after a flood of recriminations, today agreed to the report of supply for government. During subsequent disenssion in committee of ways and means, the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, promised

that a considerable proportion of the

cost of the war should be obtained from

the transvasi. He added that the treasury committee was about to proceed to the transvaal to ascertoin its assets and their taxable capacity. Sir David Miller Barbour, K. C. M. G., has been selected for this task. Sir David was a member of the council of the governor general of India in 1887 1893, was royal commissioner to inquire into the conditions and prospeets of sugar growing colonies, 1896, and latterly, commissioner to inquire iato the finances of Jamaica.

In the house, Sir Robert T. Raid. Q C, liberal painted a gloomy picture of the conditions in South Africa. He said that after 14 months of war costing £5,000,000 permonth, anarchy was prevalent and famine threatened, and this may be followed a native risiog. An attempt to place the colonies under military rule, he said, would imperil the very existence of the em pire. He thought the time had arrived for offering the Boers terms not incon sistent with their dominion. All ideas of unconditional surrender should be dieregarded

James Bryce, liberal, followed on similar lines He suggested granting general amnesty to the Boers now in arms as legitimate combatants. The government, he held, had no right to treat the Boers as rebels. The negotiations' Mr Bryce also said, should ao be entrusted to Sir Alfred Milner, who was the object of almost universal distrust, including at least half the queen's subjects in South Africa.

Mr Droderick, the eccretary of war, hotly challenged this statement He declared that whatever else it might do the government would never weaken the power of the responsibilty possessed by Sir Alfred Miloer.

Sir Albert Reid's speech, Mr Rrodoriok asserted, was impracticable, unwise and mischevious. He went out of his way to gratify the queen's enemies The government was perfectly willing to offer terms of surrender, so long as it could not be interpreted as proof of weakness, and thereby cause a prolongation of the guerilla warfare.

How Many Asses Were Sent to South Africa.

London, Dec 13 .- Powell William the former financial secretary of the war office, answering a question, said 182,460 horses and mules had been landed in South Africa during the war. Timothy M. fiealey's interpellation

Africa was not answered.

Lord Craubern, reverting to the subject of the contracts for the Ugands railroad bridges going to Americans, said the American Bridge company would build 30 bridges, asing 7,000 tons of steel. The contracts aggregate 135,000 tons. He said it was not fair nated. to the lowest bidder to invite other tenders to revise their bids

During the second reading today of the war loan bill Sir Wm Vernon Harcourt criticised in detail the govern ment's financial wakeshifts. He said the ministers would have tremeedous support in making the Transvaal share the cost of the war. But, he pointed out, the gold mines were the only source of revenue and the mine owing capitalists would not pay for the war except on compulsion, and the capitalists were masters of South Africa, controlled its policies and would be supreme in the colonies.

He contended that the cost of British rule in the Transvaal and the Orange River colony would be far greater than Boer rule bad been He estimated that Gen Baden Powell's police would cost £4,000,000 a year, a sum equal to the last Transvaal budget.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach said that possibly the new colonies could not bear any part of the cost of the war for a year or two after the war ended, but he had in mind the future developmen: of the Transveal's vast wealth and had made the falling in of the various loans at such periods as would enable the government to see what burden might be imposed on the Transvaal. In any event, no unreasonable demand would be made.

Mr Brodrick, secretary of state for war, announced that the policy of the war office was not to give commande not, therefore, subject to any duty to some of those who had not succeed

SIXTY MILES THROUGH THE AIR

Wireless Telegraphy Between Belgium and England.

Consul Roosevelt writes the State department from Brussels : "There has been recently established at La Panne, Belgium a station for the exchange of wireless telegraphic messages between Belgium and England. The receiving apparatus to be used on the English coast was taken across a few days ago from Ostende on board the Dover Ostende mail boat Princess Clementine, which is also fitted up with temporary apparatus to be used in the experimental trials. La Panne has been selected on account of its being the point on the Belgian littoral nearest the English coast. The mast of the Marconi station at La Panne is 130 feet high. To the foremast of the steamship Princess Clementine is affixed an additional mast, which increases its original height about 60 feet. From this extremity the telegraphic waves will be projected towards each coast A special room has been fitted up on board the steamer for the instruments and from this room the cable will be carried to the top of the extended mast. It is confidently expected to obtain communication between ship and shore for at least thirty miles, which is about balfway across. With stations at La Panne and Dover those on board the vessel would be able to keep in touch with the land during the entire cross-

"On November 3 experiments began about 5 P M. Telegrams were exchanged between the boat, then moored at Ostende wharf, and the station at La Panne. Later in the evening several of the Marconi men went on board the vessel and communicated with the land station throughout the crossing, excepwhen they arrived in English waters. Communication was then discontinued men and one gun. He has called a as the Belgian Government has not yet | meeting of the burghers for Saturday. received from the English Government authority to telegraph from Dover by this new system. This week-probably Wednesday or Friday-the official trisl under the supervision of the Govern-

ment delegates will be made. "The experiments showed that replies arrived with the same regularity and celerity as ordinary telegrams. When about 40 miles from Ostende the captain of the vessel was able to telegraph to the station master at ed to the frontier today Ostende the probable hour of his arrival. Various telegrams were sent from the vessel to Ostende, Brussels, Dover, London and to the officers of the chief bureau and branch offices of the Marconi Company. The reception of each meseago was acknowledged promptly, the first and last letters being other casualties were not reported.

ALL THE POWERS AGREE

as to the number of asses sent to South of the Powers in regard to the joint today by DeLary, reinforced by Beyers' Dr. C. M. Griffin yesterday, all agreeing to the con .. one force estimated at 2,500. Though the allay the intense agony and the boy identically as outlined by Count von first attack was repulsed the Boers died about an hour after reaching Buelow, the imperial chancellor of Ger. managed to get on top of the Magaliesmany. November 9, with the exception burg, which was held by four compaof the introductory clause saying the nies of the Northumberland Fueiliers, demands are irrevocable, which is elimi-

London, Dec 12 -The Pekin corre spoodent of the Daily Mail wiring on Tuesday and confirming the reports of the agreement as to the collective note, says that a committee of representatives of the Powers has been chosen to regulate the conferences with the

Chinese plenipotentiaries Berlin, Dec 12.-The Lokal Anzeiger has a special dispatch from Pekin saying that fire has destroyed the quarters of a number of officers about a thousand paces from Count von Walderseo's.

A QUESTION OF ANNEX-ATION.

New York, Dec 12 -The case of William H. Crossman & Bro against Decision was reserved.

sage of the joint resolution of annexa- ers have been captured. tion of July 6, 1898, and before the

Manila, Dec 11 -A detachment of insurgents south of Santa Cruze, are hopeful from the fact that the dis-Sunday The insurgents were chased patch does to mention the capture of

The Unconquered Boers.

DeWet' Seems to be Holding His Own.

London, Dee 12 .- Lord Kitchener cables the war office from Preteria under date of Dec 12th, that Gen Knoz reports from Helvia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen De Wet and that the enemy is moving toward 'Reddersburg, where there is a column ready to cooperate with the other British

Lord Kitchener in another dispatch reports that the Boers attacked the post pear Baberton. The British essualties were three killed, five wounded and 13 taken prisoners. The captured men have since been released

The Boers raided the Riverton Road station, Dec 11. They are being followed up. Gen Kitchener's message indicates that DeWet has again evaded Knox. After the latter had foiled the Boer general at Coomassiedrift, the Boers seem to have doubled back, crossed the Caledon river elsewhere, and turned thence northwest, in the direction of Reddersburg, the memorable scene of the British disaster in April when DeWet captured the Irish Riftes.

Thought That DeLary Has Captured Four Companies.

Johannesburg, Dec 14, 3 25 p m -The battle still continues in the hills a few miles from Krugersdorp. Gen Clements has asked for reinforcements, and mounted men under Gen French have already gone.

There have been many casualties on both sides.

It is estimated that the Boers number 2,800

Standerton, Transvaal, Thursday, Dec 12 .- Gen Louis Boths is reported to be 20 miles from here with 1,500

Lourenzo, Marques, Dec 14 .-- The British troops at Koomatipoort are standing to arms in the expectation of an attack by a Boer force of 1,500, which is in that vicinity. It is believed to be the intention of this force to make a dash upon the town. The situation is regarded as serious.

A force of 150 infantry, a squadron of cavalry and two guos were dispatch-

London, Dec 14 .- Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Nooitgedacht, Gen Clements' forces were compelled to retire by Commandant DeLary with a force of 2,500 men. Four British officers were killed. The

Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is as follows :

"Pretoria, Dec 13, 1900. London, Dec 12.—The negotiations the Magaliesburg was attacked at dawn house and immediately summoned China note were concluded satisfactorily command from Warmbath making a and were thus able to command literally due to hemmorage which Clement's camp. He retired on Hekpoort and took up a position on a hill in the centre of the valley.

"The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was grown cat The other four victims very severe, and I deeply regret that appear to be doing well. Col Lagge, of the Twentieth Hussars, and Capts MacBean, Murdoch and Atkins were killed Reinforcements have left here !

Lord Kitchener also report that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lichtenburg, and that Gen Letmer was killed. Attacks upon Bathlehem and Vrede were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and 14 wounded. Vrybeid was attacked Dec 11th. Spiping continued when

the message was dispatched. OMINOUSLY CLOSE.

The scene of the fight is ominously the United States was argued in the close to Pretoria. Nonitgedact is only ship immediately a large quantity of United States circuit court today. 22 miles northwest of Pretoria. It is reported that Gen Knox, cooperating The case involves the question as to with the British column at Redderswhether the Hawaiian Islands came burg, has stopped Gen DeWet and that under the constitution and laws of the a battle is proceeding. The report United States immediately on the pas- adds that many of Gen De Wet's follow-

The scenes at the war office today act of April 30, 1900 Crossman & recall those witnessed in the early Bro imported merchandise from Hono- stages of the war. A constant stream ers besides which the government lulu into the port of New York on of excited and anxious people filled the April 26, 1900 The collector of the lobbies The absence of the names of cannon were also taken by the rebels. port assessed duty under the Tariff act any of the officers of the Northumber- From the department of Magdalens of 1887 The importers claimed the land Fasiliers in Gen Kitchener's dis- came the news that Gen Santos, Hawaiian Islands were then a part of patch leads to the foreboding that the president of the revolutionary governthe United States and their goods were four companies of the Fusiliers ment with his force, had arrived at mentioned are in the bands of the the port of Rio Macha and establish-Boers

TOO EXTRAVAGANT.

The manner in which one default. ing cashier was detected was rather peculiar. It was all due to the curiosity of the women of his neighborhood. He went to no expense in the way of dressing; they never heard of his gambling or drinking to any extent; he was a model hus. band, but he loved a good table. There was nothing unusual in this, but one day, when the ladies of the vicinity were discussing the best method of cooking meats, the wife of the cashier declared very innocently that her husband doted on ham, but he would not eat it unless it had been boiled in champagne. "Boiled in champagne!" exclaimed the listeners "Heavens, how expensive; we couldn't afford to have ham on our table often if we cooked it that way."

It was soon noised all around the neighborhood that Cashier Blank was a high liver, indeed, and the men began telling of his uplifted ideas of cookery This soon reached the ears of the directors of the bank and they concluded it might be wise to investigate the accounts of such an epicure. Plain water was all they could afford for their hams, so the champagne lover was called up and subsequently relegated to the pen, where he had to forego his pet dish for many, many weary years.- Louisville Times

UNION'S SEWERAGE.

Union, Dec. 12 -The city council met this evening, Mayor Young presiding, to accept bids on thirtyfive thousand dollars worth of coupon bonds. The award was made to J. A Sawyer, acting attorney for Robt. Robinion, Atlanta, Ga, at four per cent They were sold at a premium of three hundred and seventy dollars and fifty cents.

These bonds were for the building of a sewerage system, and Union can consider herself lucky as she had rine bidders, and hone

DEATH FROM BITE OF A RAT.

Beaufort, Dec 11 -Edward Alston, colored, of Keans Neck, came here last night to bring his son, eighteen months old to a physician.

The man stated that two weeks since a huge rat had bitten his five children, who had all apparently recovered except the boy whom he brought here

The child showed signs of improvement also, until yesterday afternoon when he bled profusely from the end of the middle finger of his left hand, and appeared to be suffering intense agony. The father hitched up his buggy and drove fifteen miles to this place where he arrived shortly after "Clements' force at Nooitgedacht on dark and took his child to a friend's

> The doctor could do nothing but town Dr Griffin stated that there was not an ounce of blood in the child's body, and that death was could have been checked had medical aid been obtained earlier.

> Alston killed the rat and stated that it was fully as large as a half

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

New York, Dec. 12 - Advices received today from various parts of Colombia and confirmed by passengers who arrived from Panama, tell of desperate fighting

The government troops are in a poor physical condition and suffering from acveral forms of tropical

Senor Brigard, Colombian consul general in this city, has been ordered by his government to purchase and quinine for use of the army. The most desperate fighting is now going on in the department of Bolivia

In a battle fought at Tolu Viejo, on Nov 25, the revolutionists lost, among one hundred killed and wounded, two able officers, Gen P. Camacho and Col. Enrique Pinedo. The rebels took two hundred prisonforce lost one hundred in killed Five ed his government there.

Hampton, Dec 13 - Henry Young, the negro who murdered Tom Robis than last year Up to Dec 1, last year up to Dec 1, last year, the receipts were \$31,946 23 and the full year's receipts were \$39.

The State.

New Orleans, Dec 13.—The south found dead their use fou son, colored, on the afternoon of

This condition it seems is due to the inatility of the companies to secure bottome for shipping the rock The records at the capitol show that up to Dec 1, the State has received in phosphate royalty the sum of \$21,. me showing for the last month of the year se was made lest December results the total for the year will be at least \$10,000 less